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Project: "Investigating Quality Teaching in the Victorian VET Sector"

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Introduction

The LH Martin Institute and the Centre for Vocational and Educational Policy team in the Melbourne Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne are undertaking this research on behalf of the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET). The aim of this project is to develop a framework that describes how VET teachers typically progress from novice to expert. Such a framework will then have the potential to be used to inform the design and delivery of professional development programs for the VET teaching workforce in Victoria.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked to complete an online survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes. Your valued input will help identify the relevance, accuracy, feasibility and usefulness of the draft capability framework across different contexts of VET delivery in Victoria. By participating, you'll also go in the draw to win an Apple iPad Air – 32GB Wi-Fi valued at AUD \$549 (RRP). At the end of the survey you will be given the option to enter the draw.

What are the risks for participants in this study?

This research study is low risk. If you do experience any discomfort during the online survey you are free to stop the process at any time.

How will my confidentiality be protected?

This survey is completely anonymous and the confidentiality of your responses will be protected to the fullest possible extent, within the limits of the law.

If you choose to enter the draw for the Apple iPad Air, you will be asked to supply your contact details at the end of the survey (e.g. name, phone number and email) so that if you win, you can be notified. Your contact details will only be used for purposes of the draw. If you win the prize, you will be notified directly by email. The winner will also be published on the Victorian DET website (www.education.vic.gov.au/) on the 21st of March 2016. See the Terms and Conditions for more information about the draw.

Data collected during the research process will be stored, according to the University of Melbourne regulations, in a private and secure location at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education for a period of five years and will then be destroyed.

How will I receive feedback?

A brief summary of the findings will be available through the Victorian DET project's website.

Will participation prejudice me in any way?

Please be advised that your participation in this study is completely voluntary. Should you wish to withdraw at any stage, you are free to do so without prejudice.

Where can I get further information?

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the researchers through the details given below (on behalf of the research team). If you have any concerns about the conduct of this research project, please contact the Executive Officer, Human Research Ethics, the University of Melbourne, on phone: (03) 8344 2073 or fax: (03) 9347 6739. Please find attached a copy of the approval letter.

How do I agree to participate?

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We do hope that you will be able to assist with this project. Please follow this link to start the survey:
<http://vet-quality-teaching.questionpro.com>

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